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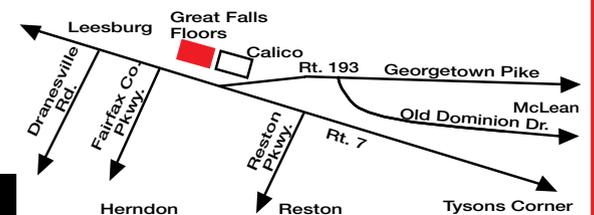




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The Dranesville District Area Plan Review Task Force gets down to work. Task force members come from McLean, Great Falls, Herndon, Oakton and Vienna.

## Dranesville Plan up for Change

Citizens invited to weigh in on task force meetings, where changes to district's plan will be recommended.

BY MIKE DICICCO  
THE CONNECTION

Between now and the end of February, a team of 14 residents from across the Dranesville District will review 16 suggested changes to the district's portion of the Comprehensive Plan, from a proposal to allow the expansion of Vinson Hall Retirement Community, to another intended to preserve the appearance of Georgetown Pike, to a request to allow density to increase three- to fourfold on the site of the Center for Innovative Technology (CIT).

Dranesville's Area Plan Review (APR) Task Force held its kickoff meeting last Thursday Nov. 6 and will meet twice a month for the next four months. The public is welcome to attend, and residents will be offered time to speak.

Supervisor John Foust (D-Dranesville) appointed the task force members, all of whom have backgrounds in land use, as well as the workings of task forces, committees and other such bodies. Heading the team as its chairman is land-use veteran John Ulfelder who has been heavily involved in the Great Falls Citizens Association, particularly its Land Use and Zoning Committee, for about 17 years. Ulfelder also chaired the last Dranesville APR Task Force in 2004 and co-chaired the Special Study Task Force that examined Comprehensive Plan amendment nominations for land in the Hunter Mill and Dranesville districts in 2005 and 2006.

Most meetings will be on Tuesday evenings, although two were rescheduled to avoid absences. All are at 7:30 p.m., and meeting places will vary according to the area being discussed on a given night.

Clara Quintero Johnson, who works in the Planning Division of the county's Department

of Planning and Zoning and who worked with the 2004 task force, led the group through the agenda for the coming months. Quintero Johnson is heading the team of county staff that will support the task force.

**THE FIRST THREE MEETINGS** will focus on the Great Falls community

Next Tuesday, Nov. 18 the group will meet at the Great Falls Grange to discuss five proposed amendments, although Quintero Johnson noted that three, submitted by Great Falls Trailblazers President Eleanor Weck, are "essentially the same." These are proposals to specify that pervious-surface trails are preferable to sidewalks in Great Falls except within a mile of elementary schools and commercial areas.

Also to be discussed that evening are additions to the Comprehensive Plan that would encourage the burial of utility lines and the use of pervious and semi-pervious materials for paved areas in Great Falls.

Text that would encourage the exploration of possibilities for a community center in Great Falls will be a subject of the following meeting, to be held at the Great Falls Library on Dec. 2. Also on that agenda is a proposal to encourage planners to limit density within 100 to 150 feet of the Virginia Department of Motor Vehicles (VDOT) right-of-way along Georgetown Pike in Great Falls.

Ulfelder noted that similar language had been applied to the stretch of that road in McLean some time ago, but he said this proposal was raising questions about how it might be interpreted. As a result of that item, he said, the Great Falls Citizens Association "ended up having to send certified letters to every property owner on Georgetown Pike from Route 7 to Old Dominion [Drive]."

### Get Involved

For details about specific APR nominations, visit [www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr](http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpz/apr). In addition to speaking at task force meetings, citizens may express their opinions on proposed amendments by contacting Supervisor John Foust's office at 703-356-0551 or 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean 22101 (McLean office), or 703-471-5076 or 730 Elden St., Herndon 20170 (Herndon office). E-mail comments can be sent to [dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov](mailto:dranesville@fairfaxcounty.gov). All input will be forwarded to task force members.

On Dec. 16, at the same location, the task force will discuss adding an option for an independent living facility with a density of one dwelling unit per acre on Bute 7, just east of Downey Drive. Discussions about an independent living facility at another location near the Great Falls Village Center began after nominations for plan amendments were due, irrespective of the area plan review.

Also at that meeting, the group will talk about a proposal to replace the environment section of the Comprehensive Plan for the Great Falls area, adding text about the protection of watersheds and stating that watershed plans for all streams in the area be implemented.

**EXACT LOCATIONS** have not been determined for the rest of the meetings, but the group will move into McLean on Thursday Jan. 22 to discuss the only two amendments proposed for that area. One would recommend the expansion of Vinson Hall Retirement Community by 180 dwelling units for a total of 350 units, and the other would suggest that new retail uses be allowed at McLean Professional Park, where the Comprehensive Plan now specifies that there should be no new retail.

SEE CITIZENS, PAGE 6

## Great Falls Arts Foundation Presents Gala

Great Falls Foundation for the Arts, Inc. (GFFFTA) is presenting its inaugural annual Gala Friday, Nov. 21 from 7 to 10 p.m. The event is planned as a special evening with friends, artists and aficionados who share the passion for the arts. Delectable edibles and sumptuous wines will be available while bidding on an extensive selection of local and regional art. All proceeds from the event will be supporting the new Great Falls School of Art, whose immediate needs are to locate, equip and manage a teaching facility in Great Falls.

More than 50 local and regional artists have donated a collection of original art, photography, jewelry, pottery, quilts and more for this event's silent art auction. Persistent bidders will be rewarded with one-of-a-kind originals. The event is by invitation only and the guest list is limited to the first 300 responses. Download the invitation and reply card from [www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org](http://www.greatfallsfoundationforarts.org).

Great Falls School of Art is one of three programs of GFFFTA and was established in 2008. The school has classes for adults and children in fine and applied visual arts on an ongoing basis. Expansion plans for Great Falls School of Art contemplate adding courses in a broad spectrum of artistic styles and media including painting, jewelry, pottery, sculpture, photography and digital imagery. While the summer and fall semesters were for adults, future 2009 sessions will include programs for children and teens. Classes are currently held among cramped quarters in the GFFFTA Gallery space and at the Artists' Atelier in GFFFTA's facility at 1144 Walker Road, Suite G. In contrast to the Gallery and studio facility which are both self-supporting, the school needs additional funding to expand into a small second GFFFTA location in Great Falls.

GFFFTA was founded by the artists of Great Falls Studios, an organization of more than 75 artists who live or work in Great Falls.

To download the invitation and reply card visit [greatfallsfoundationforarts.org](http://greatfallsfoundationforarts.org).

# Both Campaigns Find Support Base in Area

Eight local residents are among the Republican presidential candidate's top fund-raisers.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

**N**orthern Virginia voted Democratic this year, but presidential candidate John McCain proved a Republican could still raise a lot of cash here.

According to the Center for Responsive Politics, Democratic candidate Barack Obama trounced McCain in campaign fund-raising nationally receiving \$630 million to the Arizona senator's \$380 million.

But McCain kept the funding gap between the two candidates close in Virginia, largely by reaching out to influential supporters in the state's northern sections.

McCain's money people generated \$7.8 million to Obama's \$11.3 million statewide, a much more modest shortfall than the Republican campaign saw on the national level.

McCain used Washington insiders living in Northern Virginia to raise money for his presidential bid both nationally and locally

**McLEAN** resident Frederic Malek — who oversaw the

1988 Republican National Convention and managed President George H.W. Bush's reelection campaign in 1992 — was McCain's deputy campaign finance director

City of Alexandria resident Kirk Blalock, a former aide to political advisor Karl Rove, organized McCain's national outreach to professionals under 40 years old.

Another major McCain fund-raiser and McLean resident, Dwight Schar was one of the single largest individual contributors to the Republican Party and Republican candidates in the country in 2008, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

Schar is also the former finance director of the Republican National Committee and served as co-chair of President George W. Bush's presidential campaign in Virginia.

These major fund-raisers drove up contributions to McCain in the commonwealth. Virginia ranked fifth among states contributing to McCain overall. One McLean ZIP code, 22101, also became McCain's sixth most lucrative fund-raising spot in the country, according to the Center for Responsive Politics.

**APPROXIMATELY** 24 of McCain's 534

national "bundlers" — elite fund-raisers who have solicited at least \$50,000 in political donations — live in Northern Virginia. By contrast, only 11 of Obama's approximately 560 "bundlers" reside in the area.

These big money fund-raisers tend to work in Washington D.C. and live inside the Beltway, seemingly unconcerned about what part of Virginia is "red" and what part is "blue."

Two of McCain's surrogates, including the candidate's brother, caused a stir last month when they said Northern Virginia was not part of the "real Virginia" and described Alexandria and Arlington as "communist country."

But McCain's major Republican fund-raisers appeared just as likely to live in Democratic strongholds like Alexandria and Arlington as the more Republican-friendly

McLean. Among his list of elite Virginia fund-raisers, nine live in McLean, seven live in Alexandria and five live in Arlington. Two of Obama's largest fund-raisers also come from local communities — McLean and Centreville.

**MCCAIN'S** major Virginia fund-raisers appear to have raised more money individually

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## Presidential Campaign Top Fundraisers in Northern Virginia

Candidates John McCain (R) and Barack Obama (D) both relied on well-connected "bundlers," people who solicit and collect other people's campaign donations, to collect money for their presidential bids.

As of Oct. 28, McCain had about 534 of these elite fundraisers garnering over \$50,000 in donations each, and they raised a total of \$75.5 million. Obama had 561 who raised at least \$50,000 each, collecting a total \$63.2 million for the Democrat.

Below is a list of some local fundraisers from each campaign. All information is provided by the Center for Responsive Politics, [www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org).

### MONEY FOR JOHN MCCAIN (R):

Name	Residence	Job/Background	Total 2008 Personal Campaign Donations*
<b>Raised \$500,000 and above:</b>			
Dwight Schar	McLean	Director of NVR Inc., a residential construction company; Director of Six Flags, Inc., amusement park chain; part owner of Washington Redskins	\$213,300
Frederic Malek	McLean	founder and chairman of Thayer Capital Partners; former Nixon official; deputy national finance chairman of the McCain campaign	\$145,500
Carter Pate	McLean	U.S. managing partner in government services at PricewaterhouseCoopers	\$62,500
Judy Black	City of Alexandria	policy director at Brownstein Hyatt Farber & Schreck LLP; former Reagan White House aide	\$28,800
Kirk Blalock	City of Alexandria	lobbyist with Fierce, Isakowitz & Blalock; former Bush political aide; director of McCain's young professionals group	\$16,000
Bobbie Kilberg	McLean	President of the Northern Virginia Technology Council	\$2,300
<b>Raised between \$250,000 and \$500,000:</b>			
Michelle Du Pont Olson	McLean	jewelry designer; daughter of Frederic Malek	\$6,900
Sloan Rappoport	Arlington County	vice president of Downey McGrath Group; former Bush administration official	\$1,250
<b>Raised between \$100,000 and \$250,000:</b>			
Richard Hohlt	Alexandria (Fairfax County portion)	lobbyist with The Hohlt Group	\$158,200
John Lehman	Arlington	chairman of equity investment firm J.F. Lehman & Company; former 9/11 Commission member; Secretary of the Navy during Reagan administration	\$26,800
Richard Wiley	Arlington	head of Wiley Rein LLP; former chairman of the Federal Communications Commission	\$18,850
Toufic Baaklini	Vienna	Finance director of Chevy Chase Cars	\$6,400
John Vogt	McLean	senior vice president of Chain Bridge Bank	\$4,300
Orson Swindle	City of Alexandria	McCain's POW "roommate" in "Hanoi Hilton"; Consultant	\$4,075
Steven Phillips	City of Alexandria	Partner at DLA Piper; former legislative director/counselor to Sen. Jesse Helms (D-S.C.)	\$3,800
Frank Donatelli	Mount Vernon	McGuireWoods Consulting; deputy chairman of Republican National Committee	\$3,000
Wes Foster	McLean	founder of Long & Foster Real Estate	\$2,800
<b>Raised between \$50,000 and \$100,000:</b>			
Eric Burgeson	Arlington	BGR Holding LLC; former chief of staff at Department of Energy during George W. Bush administration	\$27,800
Robert Fisher	Alexandria (Fairfax County)	lobbyist for Verizon Communications, Inc./ former congressional staff member for McCain	\$7,150
Cathleen Tripodi	Arlington	Kamlet Shepherd and Reichert	\$3,700
Lorne Craner	Alexandria	president of the International Republican Institute	\$2,300
Mary McAuliffe	City of Alexandria	vice president, external relations for Union Pacific Corporation	\$2,000
Dorothy Gray	McLean	U.S. Senate Republican Policy Committee	N/A
Phil Russell	City of Alexandria	government policy advisor at Dykema PLLC; former aide to U.S. Sen. Fred Thompson (R-Tenn.)	N/A

### MONEY FOR BARACK OBAMA (D):

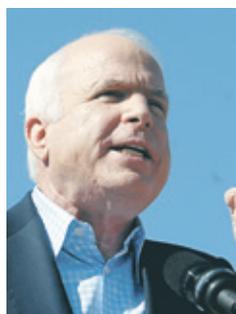
Name	Residence	Job/Background	Total 2008 Personal Campaign Donations*
<b>Raised \$500,000 or more:</b>			
Don and Megan Beyer	City of Alexandria	owner of Don Beyer motors; former Lt. Gov. of Virginia	\$153,600
Tom Perrelli	Arlington County	managing partner at Jenner & Block; Department of Justice official during Clinton administration	\$16,600
<b>Raised between \$200,000 and \$500,000:</b>			
Beatrice Welters	McLean	trustee of Brookings Institution; former member of IBM marketing team	\$216,618
Tom Reed	Centreville	attorney with K&L Gates	\$2,550
<b>Raised between \$100,000 and \$200,000:</b>			
Michael Caplin	McLean	president of Turtle Island Group LLC, former program director of Smithsonian Institution	\$73,789
<b>Raised between \$50,000 and \$100,000:</b>			
Laurie Fulton	City of Alexandria	attorney with Williams & Connolly LLP	\$20,545
Kevin Wolf	Arlington	attorney with Bryan Cave LLP	\$6,973
Edward Bilich and Teresa Martinez	Arlington	Jones Day LLP; former board president for Latino Student Fund (Bilich)	N/A
Rob Dugger	City of Alexandria	managing partner of Tudor Investment Corporation	N/A
Kathryn Thomson	Arlington	partner at Sidley Austin LLP	N/A
Kevin Vincent	Arlington	attorney at Baker Botts LLP	N/A

\* Personal Campaign Donations figure reflects the total amount of money an individual contributor, their spouse, and dependent children gave to all federal candidates, political parties and political action committees for the 2008 campaigns.

SOURCE: Center for Responsive Politics, [www.opensecrets.org](http://www.opensecrets.org)



**President-elect Barack Obama**



**John McCain**

# WEEK IN GREAT FALLS

## Public Forum on New Firehouse

Great Falls Citizens Association (GFCA) will hold a Special General Session Meeting at the Grange at 7:30 p.m. on Thursday, Nov. 13.

Fairfax County representatives led by Project Manager Ken Lim will present an update on plans for the new Great Falls Firehouse at a Public Forum sponsored by Dranesville Supervisor John Roust and the GFCA. This is in advance of the Planning Commission's public hearing (set for Dec. 4) on the proposed rebuilding of the firehouse.

The next Executive Board Meeting will be held on Monday Nov. 17, 7 p.m. at the Old Schoolhouse.

## Farmers Market Until Thanksgiving

The Great Falls Farmers Market will be open until Saturday, Nov. 22 — the last Saturday before Thanksgiving. GFCA is inviting the community to use the abundance of fresh produce the vendors continue to bring to the village. The association has its own booth at the Farmers Market every Saturday, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. at the Great Falls Village Center — across from Wachovia Bank.

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## Citizens Join Planning

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Task force members will have a few days to rest before the next meeting on Jan. 26, probably to be held in or near the Oakton portion of the Dranesville District. There, attorney and former Dranesville District Supervisor Stu Mendelsohn has proposed two amendments that would alter the Comprehensive Plan to encourage a change of zoning on two properties owned by John Thoburn, who gained local and some national notice from a dispute over his property in 2001.

The following meeting on Thursday, Feb. 19 will deal with three proposals that would encourage increased density around a transit-oriented development on almost 50 acres around the Center for Innovative Technology outside the Town of Herndon, assuming the arrival of Metrorail. The area is currently zoned primarily for office, research and development, hotel, conference center, and institutional use, at densities from .25 to 1 floor area ratio (FAR). Floor area ratio measures the footage of a development's floor space against the amount of land it sits on.

The proposed amendments would suggest that the property be rezoned to allow for mixed-use development, including over residential space, at densities of 2 to 2.75 FAR. A total of 1,800 dwelling units in multifamily structures are being proposed.

The Feb. 24 meeting will also be in the Herndon area, as the task force discusses recommendations by the county regarding the area known as the Reston-Herndon Suburban Center. The county has proposed plan language that would transfer planning and zoning responsibilities for the Worldgate development from the county to the town of Herndon, in whose boundaries it lies, and would make clear what development options would be available in the suburban center upon the arrival of Metrorail.

The Comprehensive Plan comes up for review every four years in each district. At that time, anyone can submit a proposed change, Quintero Johnson said. "Sometimes people are surprised by that."

Due to legislation passed by the General Assembly, she said, this year would be the first time some proposed plan amend-

ments would be subject to review by VDOT after citizen task forces had made their recommendations and before the proposals were vetted by the Planning Commission. Any proposed amendment that would result in 5,000 or more additional daily vehicular trips will be subject to VDOT review and will be on a slower track to reach the Board of Supervisors. Of the Dranesville District proposals, this will probably apply only to the suggested amendments for the Center for Innovative Technology property

**ALL PROPOSALS** will receive public hearings before the Planning Commission, and the ones the commission deems viable will be passed on to the Board of Supervisors with the commission's recommendation.

Decisions made by the task force are recommendations to the county, and even if the county adopts the changes to the Comprehensive Plan, they do not become absolute. "It's a plan. It's not a law" said task force member Rich Bliss of the Great Falls Citizens Association, noting that the Board of Supervisors is not legally bound by the Comprehensive Plan.

It was evident that the task force members were veterans of similar bodies as they debated over how closely the group would adhere to Robert's Rules of Order, whether task force members could ask questions of a presenter after the presenter's time was up and whether there should be a 15-minute time limit on the group's deliberation over each proposal.

"I don't see any reason to address it that way," Dave Swan said of the time limit, noting that the Planning Commission does not limit its discussions.

"I think we were just trying to get some control over the length of the meetings," Ulfelder said.

The group decided to let Ulfelder as the chairman, move discussion along.

Undisputed were the five minutes that any representative of an association would be allowed to speak at meetings and the three minutes allotted to each individual, although in the case of large crowds, Ulfelder will have the power to consolidate like-minded individuals and give each group a "reasonable" amount of time to speak.

## Langley High Senior Selected To Jazz Ensemble

**A**rianna Fanning, a senior at Langley High School, has been selected to the 2008 All-Virginia Jazz Ensemble. Fanning auditioned with hundreds of students from the state of Virginia for one of the 24 spots in the ensemble. She will be one of two drum set players performing with the all Virginia Jazz Ensemble at the Virginia Music Educators Conference held at the Homestead.



Arianna Fanning

## Review of Nominations Begins

### What have citizens proposed so far?

BY KATHLEEN J. MURPHY  
GREAT FALLS CITIZENS ASSOCIATION

**L**ast spring, we invited the entire Great Falls community to participate in our deliberations to make nominations for changes to the Fairfax County Comprehensive Plan. Over a series of six meetings, a team of GFCA Board, Committee and citizen volunteers combed over the Comprehensive Plan, the 2020 Vision Survey results, and experiences of the various GFCA committees to come up with our slate of nominations.

The first three meetings will address the nine nominations made by the Great Falls community. The Dranesville District Task Force, appointed by Supervisor John Foust, and chaired by John Ulfelder, will review the efficacy of each nomination and will make recommendations to the Planning Commission and Board of Supervisors.

The Nominators, the Dranesville

Task Force, and Fairfax County Planning & Zoning are looking forward to understanding the wishes of the community. If you have feedback on any of the nominations, either for or opposed, you may either (1) write an e-mail or letter to the nominator; (2) write an e-mail or letter to Joseph Gibson, Dranesville District Staff Aide responsible for the APR Task Force (Joseph.Gibson@fairfaxcounty.gov; and/or (3) come to the meeting and speak directly to the task force. The views of the community are an essential part of the process and it is vitally important that you come forward and make your viewpoints known at this time.

All communications will be copied and forwarded to all members of the task force.

#### TOPICS FOR NOV. 18 include:

Bury the Wires – Douglas Cobb, Nominator

In our 2020 Vision Survey, more than 80 percent of the community selected "burying the overhead utility wires" as a core part of their vision for 2020. If you have any stories about how the overhead

wires have impacted life in Great Falls and why they should be buried, please let us know

Trail Surfaces In Great Falls — Eleanor Weck, Nominator

In our 2020 Vision Survey, more than 75 percent of the community said that it was very important to establish a trail system in Great Falls, both to the village and to the surrounding parks. This nomination seeks to clarify the materials to be used to build those trails. If you have any experiences or insights into how trails should be built in Great Falls, this is the meeting to attend to make your viewpoint known.

Impervious Materials On Paved Areas — Eleanor Anderson

This nomination seeks to define the types of building material to be used on paved areas throughout Great Falls. If you have a perspective on this topic, please let us know.

The deadline for submission of comments by the community is the Friday before the meeting by noon.

## Meeting Schedule

*It is our understanding that these nominations are in line with the wishes of the community, however they may not be. All residents of the community are invited to voice their support or opposition to any of these nominations. Comments can be submitted in any of the following ways:*

DATE	NOMINATION	NOMINATOR	LOCATION
11/18	Buy the Utility Wires!	Doug Cobb douglas.cobb3@verizon.net	GF Grange
11/18	Use Impervious Surfaces on Trails – Upper Potomac 1	Eleanor Wecke.veck@mac.com	GF Grange
11/18	Use Impervious Surfaces on Trails – Upper Potomac 2	Eleanore Wecke.veck@mac.com	GF Grange
11/18	Use Impervious Surfaces on Trails – Upper Potomac 3	Eleanor Wecke.veck@mac.com	GF Grange
11/18	Use Impervious/Semi-Impervious Surfaces on paved areas	Eleanor Andersonlandpaul@cox.net	GF Grange
12/2	Explore sites for a Community Center	Kathleen Murphykathleenjm@aol.com	GF Grange
12/2	Add additional historic language and increase setbacks along Georgetown Pike	Eric Knudsenm.eric.knudsen@gmail.com	GF Grange
12/18	Fully implement watershed plans in Great Falls	Stella Kochsmkoch@aol.com	GF Grange
12/18	Develop an independent living facility in Great Falls (Hills Nursery Location)	Marta RoyMarta.Roy@Longandfoster.com	GF Grange

FROM PAGE 5  
**GFCFA Raises Budget Concerns**

The GFCFA Environment Committee has scheduled its next meeting for Tuesday, Nov. 25 at the Old Schoolhouse. All are welcome.

The committee gained GFCFA Board approval to send a letter to Dranesville Supervisor John Foust indicating the GFCFA's concern regarding proposed budget cuts that, if implemented, will impact the Park Authority activities that provide education programs and other services at Riverbend Park and Colvin Run Mill Historic site. The Fiscal Year 2010 budget crises facing county government has led to a proposed 40 percent reduction in the educational programs and services of natural resource

parcs. See [www.GFCFA.org/FoustParkLtr.pdf](http://www.GFCFA.org/FoustParkLtr.pdf)

**Beautification Committee Launched**

A group of people assembled last Thursday to begin the work of figuring out how Great Falls can be beautified. They are beginning to sketch the places and ways that the town can become more beautiful and inviting. The next meeting of the Beautification Committee is Tuesday, Nov. 25 at the Great Falls Library Meeting Room from 7 until 9 p.m. Anyone who is willing to join in and get the needed work done is welcome to attend.

**Loebig Chiropractic Helps Those in Need**

Loebig Chiropractic has a plan to help needy families this holiday season. The office of Loebig Chiropractic will be working with the Capital Area Food Bank to help generate food donations in the area. From Dec. 1-12, Loebig Chiropractic will be asking new patients to donate eight or more canned goods in exchange for first day services (including exam, history, consultation, x-rays and adjustment), a \$220 value, absolutely free and will also accept any other food donations prior to Nov 21. Anyone who wants to make a difference should contact Loebig Chiropractic to find out how they can help with this cause.

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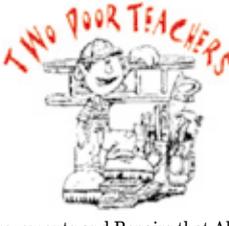
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# Veteran's Day

Time to remember that we are still fighting two wars, that many thousands have died or been wounded, and that our veterans deserve the best possible care on their return.

**A**rmy 1st Lt. Thomas J. Brown, a George Mason University graduate and Burke resident, died just over one month ago on Sept. 23, 2008, while serving in Iraq. His unit came under small arms fire, and Brown, 26, died from his wounds. Brown, a leader who often insisted on riding in the lead vehicles of convoys, the ones most likely to be targeted in an attack, was three weeks away from completing his tour of duty. Among family and friends left behind were his twin brother Timothy.

Nov. 11 marks Veterans Day, a day to honor all veterans, living and dead.

But our thoughts turn to the more than 4,100 U.S. service members who have died in Iraq and more than 600 who have died in Afghanistan since 9/11. Here in Northern Virginia, many local families bear the personal sacrifice that comes with this loss.

Ami Neiberger-Miller of Sterling lost her brother, U.S. Army Specialist Christopher Neiberger, in August 2007 when he was killed by a roadside bomb while serving in Baghdad, Iraq. He was 22 years old when he died.

Many local people have responded to their loss by reaching out and helping others. Since her brother's death, Neiberger-Miller has devoted herself to the Tragedy Assistance Program for Survivors ([www.taps.org](http://www.taps.org)), which provides peer-based emotional support and other services for families of the fallen.

Scott Kirkpatrick, 26, died on Aug. 11, 2007, in Arab Jabour, Iraq. Kirkpatrick, who graduated from Park View High School in Sterling, and also considered Herndon and Reston as his hometowns, was a champion slam poet. His father, Ed Kirkpatrick, calls him the "warrior poet," and he and his wife help injured vets at Walter Reed through the Yellow Ribbon fund ([www.yellowribbonfund.org](http://www.yellowribbonfund.org)).

Beth and Michael Belle of Vienna are mother and stepfather of U.S. Marine Lance Cpl. Nicholas Kirven, who, at age 21, was killed in Afghanistan in 2005 during a firefight in a cave with insurgents. He enlisted while still in high school after 9/11. Beth Belle was notified that her son had died on Mother's Day.

Xiomara Mena and Rafael Anderson of Vienna are mother and brother of U.S. Army Cpl. Andy Anderson, age 24, who was killed by enemy fire during combat operations in Iraq. Xiomara Mena is described as the unofficial "mayor" of the section of Arlington National Cemetery where her son is buried; she is at the cemetery every day.

More than 30,000 soldiers have been wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. More than a million soldiers have served in Iraq and Afghanistan in that time, with their lives forever changed by that experience.

Those serving are there because of their sense of duty to the rest of us, to put their lives

on the line to defend the country. They join more than 24 million men and women, veterans, who have made great sacrifice in serving in the military.

A good place to start in showing respect for those now serving would be to provide them with the equipment and services they need while they are there and the services they will need when they get home, including impeccable, first-class health care.

**HERE ARE** the names of some of the local men and women who have died in Iraq and Afghanistan. We repeat these names several times a year to honor their service and to keep their memories in our consciousness.

If you know of someone who should be included in this list, or if you would like to share how you are honoring the memory of a family member or friend lost, or about the progress of someone injured, please let us know.

❖ Staff Sgt. Jesse G. Clowers Jr., 27, of Herndon, died when an improvised bomb exploded near his vehicle in Afghanistan on Aug. 12, 2007.

❖ Jonathan D. Winterbottom, 21, of Falls Church, died in Iraq on May 23, 2007, of wounds inflicted when an "improvised explosive device" exploded near his vehicle.

❖ Nicholas Rapavi, 22, of Springfield, died Nov. 24, 2006, of wounds suffered during combat in Anbar province in Iraq.

❖ Army Cpl. Andy D. Anderson, 24, was killed on Tuesday, June 6, 2006. He and another member of the 46th Engineer Battalion were killed when their camp in Ar Ramadi, Iraq, came under "indirect enemy fire during combat operations," according to Department of Defense documentation. He had been a respected football and basketball player at J.E.B. Stuart High School and had proposed to his high-school sweetheart about three weeks before he was killed.

❖ Airman 1st Class Lee Bernard E. Chavis, 21, was killed Oct. 14, 2006, by sniper fire in Iraq, trying to protect civilians from a roadside bomb.

❖ Spc. Robert Drawl Jr., 21, who graduated from T.C. Williams High School in 2003, was killed by a bomb in Kunar, Afghanistan, on Aug. 19, 2006.

❖ Capt. Shane R. M. Mahaffee, 36, a 1987 graduate of Mount Vernon High School, died May 15, 2006. He was a lawyer, married, with two children. His parents live in Alexandria.

❖ Maj. William F. Hecker III, a 1987 graduate of McLean High School, was killed in action in An Najaf Iraq, Jan. 5, 2005.

❖ Ayman Taha, 31, of Vienna, was killed Dec. 30, 2005, when an enemy munitions cache he was prepping for demolition exploded.

❖ Army Capt. Chris Petty of Vienna was killed Jan. 5, 2006.



❖ George T. Alexander Jr., the 2,000th soldier to be killed in Iraq, was literally born into the Army here in Northern Virginia, at DeWitt Army Hospital at Fort Belvoir. Alexander died at Brooke Army Medical Center in San Antonio, Texas, Oct. 22, 2005, of injuries sustained in Samarra, Iraq, Oct. 17.

❖ On Nov. 5, 2005, Lt. Col. Thomas A. Wren, 44, of Lorton, died in Fallil, Iraq.

❖ Marine Capt. Michael Martino, 32, of the City of Fairfax, died Nov. 2, 2005, when his helicopter crashed while flying in support of security operations in Iraq.

❖ Fairfax Station resident Pfc. Dillon Jutras, 20, was killed in combat operations in Al Anbar Province of Iraq Oct. 28, 2005.

❖ Laura M. Walker of Oakton was killed on Aug. 18, 2005, in Kandahar, Afghanistan.

Among other local lives lost: Tavon Lee Hubbard, 24, of Reston; Alexander Wetherbee, 27, of McLean; Jeff Kaylor, 25, of Clifton; Nathan B. Bruckenthal, 24, of Herndon; Sharon T. Swartworth, 43, of Mount Vernon; Jim Blankenbecler, 40, of Mount Vernon; Jim Adamouski, 29, of Springfield; DeForest L. Talbert, 22, of Alexandria; Marine Cpl. Binh N. Le, 20, of Alexandria; Russell Verdugo, 34, of Alexandria. Army Capt. Mark N. Stubenhofer, 30, from Springfield; Marine Gunnery Sgt. Javier Obleas-Prado Pena, 36, from Falls Church; Marine Sgt. Krisna Nachampassak, 27, from Burke; Army Staff Sgt. Nathaniel J. Nyren, 31, from Reston; Marine Lance Cpl. Tenzin Dengkhim, 19, from Falls Church, Navy Chief Joel Egan Baldwin, 37, from Arlington.

**ON VETERANS DAY**, we also honor those who served in World War I (a dwindling number), World War II, Korea and Vietnam, as well as those who have served the nation in times of peace.

If you have a story you'd like to share, about your own military service or that of a family member, we'd like to hear from you.

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To the Editor:

Barack Obama, our 44th President of the United States of America will be sworn in on Jan. 20, 2009. This will be history in the making.

Advocates for the most vulnerable families know there is much to do.

Preserving and strengthening safety net programs, especially during these difficult economic times, must be a priority.

**John Horejsi**, SALT Coordinator  
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Democratic operative and McLean resident Terry McAuliffe may jump Virginia's gubernatorial race.

# McAuliffe Enters Race?

Clinton advisor is 17-year McLean resident.

BY JULIA O'DONOGHUE  
THE CONNECTION

National political consultant Terry McAuliffe filed paperwork to enter the Virginia gubernatorial race Nov 10, moving one step closer to a serious run for the commonwealth's highest office in 2009.

The national political operative said he would make a final decision about whether to launch a full, statewide campaign before the end of the year, though an aide confirmed he is already assembling a campaign team.

"I am going to go spend time talking to Virginia voters. That is the most important thing," said McAuliffe, a 17-year McLean resident, at Senator-elect Mark Warner's victory party last Nov. 4.

"I have big ideas about how to grow the economy," he added.

McAULIFFE is a close advisor to former President Bill Clinton and served as Democratic National Committee chairman from 2001 to 2005. After heading the Hillary

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### SATURDAY/NOV. 22

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**Duncan Sheik with Lauren Pritchard.** 8 p.m. at The Barns. Tickets \$30. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Preschool singalong.** 10:30 a.m. All ages. Sing songs with Miss Belle. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

**Love and Reverie, Von Iva, Roslyn and Apathy Eulogy.** Rock. 6:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

### THURSDAY/NOV. 13

**Richard Shindell and Ollabelle.** 8 p.m. Folk and roots rock at The Barns. Tickets \$20. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Lloyd Dobler Effect and Willie Strings and the Players.** Rock. 8:30 p.m. \$10. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or [www.jamminjava.com](http://www.jamminjava.com).

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**"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,"** 7:30 p.m. at Jeffrey J. Sherman Arts Center, The Langley

School, 1411 Balls Hill Road, McLean. 703-356-1920 or [sift@langleyschool.org](mailto:sift@langleyschool.org).

**Camp Griffin: The War and Lewinsville/ Langley, by John Craig.** The McLean Historical Society, 7:30 p.m. at the McLean

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### FRIDAY/NOV. 14

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The garden center's general manager Shauna Dooley and designer Susie Parker (left to right) pose with painter Mary Jane Cogan and potter Barbara Gatterdam.



"Standing Room Only" performs at the Great Falls Optimist Club's 3rd annual Barn Dance last Saturday.



Optimist Club president Lisa Miles Jackson and Bruce Grammer.

## Artists Offer Christmas Gifts

**Great Falls Studios members partner with American Plant.**

Eleven artist members of Great Falls Studios, a network of artists based in Great Falls, are partnering with garden center American Plant to sell original art — including quilts, pottery photographs and paintings — through Dec. 24 at the company's greenhouse complex at 10106 Georgetown Pike in Great Falls.

The art is for sale at a boutique located in the Yellow Cottage, a small building on the American Plant grounds. American Plant, which is located just west of the Great Falls United Methodist Church, will also be selling Christmas trees, roping, poinsettias and fresh holiday flower arrangements. Hours are 9 a.m.- 6 p.m. daily, including Sundays, through the end of November. Beginning in December, hours will be extended to 8 p.m. on Thursday and Fridays.

"This is a wonderful experiment for the artists of Great Falls," said Barbara Gatterdam, a potter who, together with painter Mary Jane Cogan, is overseeing the boutique for Great Falls Studios. "For the first time ever, we will have a store open in Great Falls for a two-month period prior to Christmas. This will be a timely opportunity for residents to buy gifts created by local artists."

American Plant is a garden center in Bethesda, Md., that expanded to Great Falls in April 2008. It has been owned by the same family for three generations and specializes in organic gardening. During the holiday season, it also holds workshops on making holiday centerpieces for tables.

"I could have brought in items made in China, but keeping the arts local was important to us," said Shauna Dooley, general manager of American Plant, in explaining the company's interest in working with area

### Holiday Show and Sale

A second opportunity to buy local art by Great Falls Studios members will also be available to consumers before the holidays at the Great Falls Studios Holiday Show and Sale. This annual sale, one of the main community events run by Great Falls Studios, will be held on Dec. 13 and 14 from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the Colvin Run Schoolhouse, 10201 Colvin Run Road, up the street from the Serbian Crown Restaurant. Jewelry, paintings, photography, pottery and other unique art pieces "Made in Great Falls" will be featured.

artists. "Buying locally is an increasingly important idea, and we have a wonderful local resource in Great Falls, with more than 75 talented artists in our own community"

The Yellow Cottage has "a kind of funkiness that screams artistic," Dooley said. The building has a slate roof and big windows, and is painted yellow.

Most of the art for sale will be priced from \$30 to \$100, with a maximum size in most cases of 20 x 20 inches. Some larger, more expensive pieces will be sold as well. In addition, several of the artists will also sell cards featuring original art, some suitable as Christmas cards.

PHOTOS BY AL REITAN



Local art work is on display inside the Yellow Cottage, a building on the grounds of American Plant. Eleven artists from Great Falls Studios, a network of 78 artists based in Great Falls, will take part.

## Barn Dance Night Brings Community Together

PHOTOS BY LOUISE KRAFFT/ CONNECTION



Betsy Schwartz and Jennifer Follin.



Lance Thompson, Chris and Dan Smith and club president Lisa Miles Jackson.

# Top Fund-Raisers Live in Area

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ally than Obama's major fund-raisers, though the candidate did not garner as much cash overall in Virginia.

The Center for Responsive Politics listed five of McCain's fund-raisers — Malek, ScharBlalock, McLean residents Bobbie Kilberg and Carter Pate as well as Alexandria resident Judy Black — as contributing "\$500,000 or more," to the Republican's campaign.

Obama had only two fund-raisers — former Lt. Gov. Don Beyer of Alexandria and Arlington resident Tom Perrelli — who fell into the "\$500,000 or more," category in Virginia.

Kilberg, who has worked in three White Houses, and Pate, a managing partner at PricewaterhouseCoopers, had raised money for Republicans before but not at the level they did for the McCain campaign.

"I raised \$1.3 million for McCain and I raised that mostly in contributions of \$2,300 or less," said Kilberg, president of the Northern Virginia Technology Council.

The businesswoman knows McCain personally and has a great amount of admiration and respect for him. She served on the Board of Visitors at the U.S. Naval Academy with the Republican in the early 1990s, she said.

Pate was also friends with McCain before the senator launched his 2008 presidential campaign. McCain made an appearance at a fund-raiser Pate was hosting for U.S. Rep. Tom Davis (R-11) and the two men stayed in touch afterwards, the McLean resident said.

"This is the first time I have gotten involved this deep. I have raised money for other candidates in the past but I happen to know John McCain pretty well and it was an entirely different effort versus when I am being recruited," said Pate.

**SOME OF OBAMA'S** major fundraisers also had connections with their candidate.

Centreville resident Tom Reed — who raised between \$250,000 and \$500,000 for the Democrat — attended Princeton University with Michelle Obama and met the presidential candidate a few years later when they both worked as law associates at Chicago law firm where Michelle was an attorney in the early 1990s.

Reed played a lot of recreational basketball with Barack Obama — who started dating Michelle Obama at that time — and attended the couple's wedding.

Reed has never been involved in major political fund-raising before the Obama campaign but said he found it unusually easy to raise money for this campaign.

"Barack really is extraordinary and so many people really just want to be a part of it. It does make it a lot easier," said Reed.

**BEYER**, a political fund-raising veteran, said there is no question that Obama is the easiest candidate

that he has raised money for

In addition to his own campaigns in the 1990s, Beyer was national campaign treasurer for Vermont Gov. Howard Dean's presidential run in 2004 and raised money for U.S. Sen. John Kerry during that year's general election.

The Alexandria resident has also been involved in several congressional and state campaigns since the 1980s, including those of Gov. Mark Warner (D) in 2001 and Gov. Tim Kaine (D) in 2005. He volunteered to help run Obama's

mid-Atlantic finance efforts shortly after Warner decided not to run for U.S. president.

"This was the easiest ever [during the primary] but it has gotten even easier in the meantime ... People are calling me and asking me how they can give. I have never had that happen before," said Beyer, who added that the Mid-Atlantic region is only second to New York City in national fund-raising.

"We are raising more money than California and Illinois," he said.

**BOTH PATE** and Kilberg acknowledged that it has not always been easy to raise money for McCain, especially when his campaign struggled financially in July of 2007.

McCain's stance on illegal immigration — he advocates offering some path toward citizenship — also made it harder to raise money, said Kilberg.

At one point, Kilberg started sending more e-mails instead of calling potential donors on the phone because she was getting into arguments with people over immigration policy she said.

Pate recalled a low point in the primary season when other volunteers and fund-raisers were abandoning McCain.

Sometimes it just boils down to how many people you are willing to call. I mean I am not going to stop until I get someone to say yes [to donating]. I have had as many as 30 people in row tell me no," said Pate.

But McCain was not able to catch up to Obama's fund-raising in Virginia or elsewhere. The Democrat not only topped McCain in Virginia dollars overall but also in every one of Virginia's top five fund-raising ZIP codes in McLean, Arlington, Alexandria and Great Falls.

Small donors could be the key to Obama's fund-raising success over McCain in Virginia and elsewhere, said Beyer.

"This is the first campaign paid for by the average citizen. I think that has made a big difference. It certainly helped in Virginia," said Beyer

**BEYER ADDED** that it has also become far easier to raise money for federal campaigns in Virginia recently because of the popularity of Warner and Kaine as governors.

"Virginia has done very well under the last two governors. There is lots of wealth and a sense that Virginia has grown [under their leadership]," said Beyer.

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**— Bobbie Kilberg, Northern Virginia Technology Council**

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**— Tom Reed**

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**Senior Cluster Community Explored**

**Citizens invited to express their interest.**

BY KATHLEEN J. MURPHY  
GFCA LONG-RANGE PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

**O**n Dec. 18, Marta Roy will be presenting her nomination for an independent living facility for seniors in Great Falls, to be located at the Hills Nursery property near Route 7. Jamie Jesse has come forward with a property on Walker Road and Constellation Drive that can hold a cluster of 10 senior residences. "Cluster" means that the houses are close together and take up no more than 35 percent of the land, leaving 65 percent of the land untouched. At our last meeting, Doris Leadbetter informed us there was a property owner on Colvin Run Road who had a property that might also be conducive to establishing a senior cluster community

Before the Dec. 18 meeting, we would like to know whether the numbers of interested seniors warrants these considerations. So far we are aware of approximately six seniors — individuals or couples — who have expressed their interest in investing in such a community. They have described the kind of housing they would need and how much they would like to pay.

If you are 65 years or older and are interested in learning more about a senior cluster community and would give such housing serious consideration, please e-mail me at [kathleenjm@aol.com](mailto:kathleenjm@aol.com) and let me know of your interest, the kind of home you would like to have, and how much you would be willing to pay.

We would like to ensure that this nomination as well as other preliminary design activities currently under way will meet the unique needs of specific residents of Great Falls. The next meeting will take place the first week in December.

*The writer is chair, GFCA Long-Range Planning & Development Committee.*

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Northern Virginia Ethical Society, 225 Nutley St. N.W., Vienna. 703-437-3161 or [www.esnv.org](http://www.esnv.org).

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# McAuliffe Considers Governor's Race

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Clinton for President committee, he spent several days campaigning for President-elect Barack Obama this fall, particularly in southern Virginia.

Known for his national fund-raising prowess, McAuliffe has been deflecting questions about his interest in the Virginia gubernatorial race since August, when he was asked about the prospect of running at the Democratic National Convention in Denver.

Should he enter the race, McAuliffe would face two Democrats — Del. Brian Moran (46) and state Sen. Creigh Deeds (25) — in a June primary.

Moran, youngest brother of U.S. Rep. Jim Moran (D-8), represents the City of Alexandria and a small portion of Fairfax County. He is also head of the House Democratic caucus and credited with helping the political party gain seats in the state house during the 2007 election cycle.

Deeds, an Albermarle County resident, represents the City of Charlottesville and several other counties in central Virginia. He lost the 2005 Attorney General race to Bob McDonnell, the likely Republican nominee in next year's Governor's race, by a slim margin of approximately 500 votes.

Before the addition of McAuliffe, some observers had characterized this year's Democratic pri-

mary in the gubernatorial race as a match up between "Northern Virginia" Democrats and "Rest of Virginia" Democrats. But McAuliffe — with his national name recognition and fund-raising ability — adds another dimension to the race.

**"I have big ideas about how to grow the economy."**

— Terry McAuliffe

"It really throws a new mix into the nominating process. This guy can talk people out of their money better than anybody. He will have the resources to mount a strong nomination campaign," said Mark Rozell, professor of public policy at George Mason University.

**MANY AGREE** that McAuliffe makes a strong candidate but there are questions about how he could build a coalition inside Virginia strong enough to win in a general election.

McAuliffe's bid for the Governor's mansion could strike some voters, particularly those outside Northern Virginia, as opportunistic, according to some political observers. McAuliffe has raised money for local political candidates, recently Representative-elect Gerry Connolly and Democrat Judy Feder, but

he hasn't been active in Virginia politics like the other two Democrats in the race.

"There is no question Terry McAuliffe would be a formidable candidate with his national fund-raising connections but Del. Moran had built a base of support across Virginia," said Jesse Ferguson, campaign spokesperson for Moran.

"I have support across the commonwealth. I have worked across partisan lines and regional divides," said Moran.

But Rozell said McAuliffe's credentials as a Virginian were sufficient.

"He has lived in Virginia for 20 years. What is the rule for what constitutes a real Virginian? What if we told everyone that worked inside the Beltway, worked in Washington and lived in McLean, that they weren't Virginians?," he said.

Rozell said McAuliffe's strong association with the Clintons could be a bigger hang up for his campaign. Bill Clinton lost Virginia in both of presidential campaigns and Obama beat Hillary Clinton by a large margin in the Democratic primary last February.

"There will be a challenge for Terry McAuliffe to separate his identity from the Clinton legacy. ... His identity is so closely intertwined with the Clintons," said Rozell.

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**Livingston Taylor.** 7:30 p.m. Folk singer/songwriter at The Barns. Tickets \$22. Wolf Trap Foundation for the Performing Arts, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna. 1-877-WOLFTRAP.

**Roger Day and the Mosquito Burrito Brothers,** 2 p.m. at the Alden Theatre, 1234 Ingleside Ave., at the McLean Community Center. For age 4 and up. \$8 McLean district residents, \$12 non-residents. Purchase tickets at the Alden Theatre box office, at 703-573-SEAT or www.ticketmaster.com. 703-790-0123.

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**John Jorgenson Quintet,** Gypsy Swing Jazz. 8 p.m. \$20. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**"Charlie and the Chocolate Factory,"** 7:30 p.m. at Jeffrey J. Sherman Arts Center, The Langley School, 1411 Balls Hill Road, McLean. 703-356-1920 or sifft@langleyschool.org.

**The Essential Skills of Successful Writers,** with David Hazard. 9 a.m., The Conscious Bean, 10123 Colvin Run Road, Great Falls. 540-454-4495.

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**American Brass, with the Washington Symphonic Brass.** Featured composers are Aaron Copland, John Williams, and Leonard Bernstein. 3 p.m. at the Saint Luke Catholic Church, 7001 Georgetown Pike, McLean. Adults \$25, seniors and students \$15.

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**An Evening with Marah.** Acoustic rock. 7 p.m. \$15. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**Balladeer Charlie Zahm,** 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. at The Snuggery of the Old Brogue Irish Pub, 760-C Walker Road, Great Falls. Reservations required, tickets \$15 each. 703-759-3309. Visit www.charliezahm.com.

## MONDAY/NOV. 17

**The Great Game Escape.** 4 p.m. Age 6-12. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

**Bedtime Stories.** 7 p.m. All ages. Dolley Madison Library, 1244 Oak Ridge Ave., McLean. 703-356-0770.

**Neil Halstead and Gregory and the Hawk.** Indie/folk. 8 p.m. \$12. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**"Volunteering Can Change Your Life,"** lecture by Karin Walsler, founder and executive director of Horton's Kids. Presented by New Dominion Women's Club. 7:30 p.m., McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Ave. Free. 703-748-0677 or www.ndwc.org.

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**HR/Human Rights, Outlaw Nation and Lionize.** Reggae/hardcore. 7:30 p.m. \$10 in advance, \$12 at the door. Jammin' Java, 227 Maple Ave. N.E., Vienna. 703-255-1566 or www.jamminjava.com.

**The McLean Branch of the American Association of University Women Monthly Meeting.** 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. Nadereh Chamlou, Senior Advisor from the World Bank, will discuss "Gender Equality and Its Importance for Development." 703-830-6503 or www.mcleanaauw.org.

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# SPORTS

## Saxons Can't Reach Same Volleyball

But Langley's 17-win season impressive nonetheless.

BY RICH SANDERS  
THE CONNECTION

Expectations were naturally high for the Langley High girls' volleyball team this fall. The Saxons had captured the Northern Region crown in 2007 and it didn't really matter to opponents that the program had lost several players to graduation from that championship team going into the '08 campaign. Teams were going to go all-out against the defending champs.

And they did. But even so, Langley, in the year after capturing the region crown, put together a pretty nice season, going 17-7 overall and advancing to the 16-team Northern Region quarterfinals before seeing its season end with a loss to Herndon last week.

"They really did [have a good season]," said Langley coach Susan Shifflett, of her team. "They improved and met all the goals I thought they would."

The veteran coach said she was disappointed in her team's two postseason losses – its Liberty District finals setback to Stone Bridge in which the Saxons could not hold onto a two games to none lead, and the season-ending loss in three games to the Hornets at regionals.

"Once we got [to the postseason], I thought we'd do better," said Shifflett.

Throughout the fall season, the coach saw her young squad mature and gain more of a veteran presence. She hoped that would translate to the playoffs and help Langley



Langley's Carlie Owen (3) hits the ball during postseason play. Saxon player No. 7 is first team all-district player Logan Sebastian.

when matches against formidable opponents came down to a few critical points. And to a point, it did.

**THE SAXONS** lost a deflating match to visiting Stone Bridge, three games to two, to close out the regular season on Oct. 23. The setback cost Langley the regular season title and top seeding for the district tournament. But Shifflett's team came back strong with district tournament wins over both Marshall and Madison to reach the finals and earn another chance to defeat Stone Bridge.

And things started off well in that Oct. 30 title match at top-seeded Stone Bridge in Ashburn as the Saxons looked nearly

unbeatable over the first two games in surging ahead two games to none. But the Bulldogs stormed back with three consecutive wins, including a 15-12 win in the fifth and deciding game, to take the match and the district crown. It was a deflating loss for Langley.

Shifflett said her team's mindset changed after it had won the first two games of the evening against Stone Bridge.

"Instead of going out and being confident [for the third game], we got nervous," she said.

Even in a first round region tournament win over Stuart on Nov. 3 at Langley, Shifflett said her team experienced a little bit of the same problem when the underdog Raiders,

after having lost the first two games, came back to take game three to get back into the match. Langley, however, got back in form in game four and took the match.

Shifflett said Stuart came out strong from the beginning and gave her team a good match

"We lost the third game and kind of stopped passing the ball," she said. "Then [in the fourth game] we came out and defeated them fairly easy."

But Langley saw its season end the following night when visiting Herndon defeated the Saxons in a sweep.

"They just weren't there," said Shifflett, of her squad's uncharacteristically poor match. "Herndon played well."

**SHIFFLETT** said her squad was physically talented enough to win important postseason matches, but struggled with confidence and holding onto a winning mindset at times.

"The mental part was much more difficult for us, much more fragile," said Shifflett. "It got better [over the season]."

But not enough for the Saxons to defend their title. Still, the future is bright for the Saxons, who will see most of their team back on the court next season.

Langley will lose senior standout Logan Sebastian, an outside hitter, to graduation next spring.

"Logan is obviously a big loss," said the coach.

The other two graduation losses will be Mattie Gray and Jasmine Pike.

Sebastian and junior Elysse Richardson both were recently named first team members of the All-Liberty District team. Meanwhile, sophomores Kathryn Caine and Audrey Dotson made second team, and junior Carlie Owen made honorable mention.

### SPORTS ROUNDUPS

Mary Washington University senior collegiate field hockey forward **Alison Weckstein, a Great Falls resident** and a graduate of Langley High School, was named CAC Player of the Week for the week of Oct. 27. Weckstein registered two goals and an assist in the Eagles' 3-1 playoff victory over visiting York (Pa.), raising her season totals to 20 points on nine goals and two assists.

The following local athletes were recently named to **the All-Northern Region boys' volleyball team**. First Team members included: Carl Hollinger (Langley High, outside hitter, junior), Christian Meeks (Langley outside hitter, senior), Zander Shaw (Herndon High, outside hitter, junior) and Nick Ziegler (Herndon, libero, senior). Second Team members included: Andrew Miner (Langley High, outside hitter, sophomore), Dermott Ryan (Langley, setter, junior) and Braeden Sebastian (Langley middle hitter, freshman).



Langley High girls' cross country runner **Lauren Shaw finished a strong 23rd overall at last Saturday's state AAA championships. The annual postseason event took place at Great Meadows in The Plains. At the recent Northern Region championships at Burke lake on Oct. 30, Shaw finished fourth overall.**



**The Langley High girls' cheer squad has spent the autumn sports season participating in competitions and cheering the Saxons' other sports teams on. Here, members of the squad gather together prior to a recent Langley football game.**

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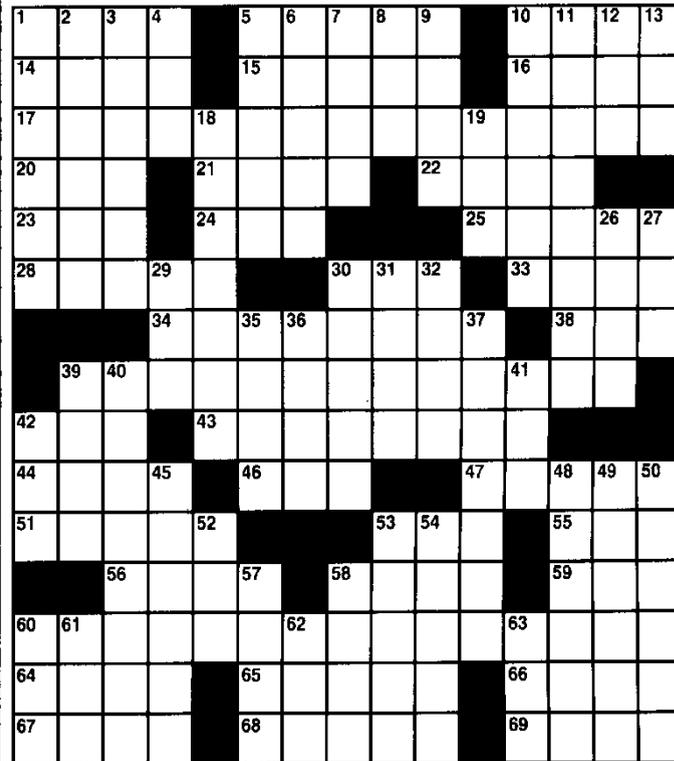
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- Rogue
- Kind of sax
- Johnson of "Laugh-In"
- Tyrolean refrain
- Equal
- Loses to a late-night host?
- W.W. II Gen. — Arnold
- "September —" (Neil Diamond hit)
- Fuse
- Prefix with cycle
- Emissions control grp.
- It may be wild
- One of the Fondas
- Tout's hangout, briefly
- Agile
- Initiates
- Menlo Park monogram
- Fills in for an actor?
- Shade maker
- Exposed as false
- Ali —
- Old geog. initials
- Bar at the bar
- "Mr. Tambourine Man" group, with "the"
- Cutting tool
- Capek play
- Put in or take out, maybe
- "Peter Pan" pirate
- "Make — double"
- What the foreign car driver does after a trip?
- Look longingly at
- Japanese commercial district
- Together, in music
- Incite
- Have the helm
- Sew up

## DOWN

- Mom's pre-meal instruction
- Mysterious
- "Enough!"
- A pop
- On-line V.I.P.
- Deadly snake
- Yemen's Gulf of —
- Funnyman Brooks
- Clear the roads, in a way
- Lunchbox items
- Approach carefully, as a subject
- Social
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- United
- Grouch
- Pupil's locale
- Plumbing connection
- Transpire
- Compared to
- Bill
- Puts to work
- Catches
- Blessed events?
- Be in the game
- Kind of insurance policy
- Law degs.
- Go back
- Confused
- Vacuum tube with three elements
- Beat to the finish line
- Hoped for the best
- Lisa Simpson, to Bart
- Wow
- Exclude
- Some ID's
- On one's rocker?
- Dress (up)
- I, to Claudius
- Take a load off
- Hat with a pompon

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